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FAIRS & FESTIVALS AROUND SOUTH FLORIDA

Wether your tastes appeal to art, music, books or boats, public transportation is the affordable, convenient way to travel to all the best that South Florida offers. Below, *On Board* showcases just three favorites, out of a wealth of choices, for upcoming local events.

STREET PAINTING FESTIVAL**February 25 – 26, Downtown Lake Worth**

Watch art emerge as more than 400 artists gather to continue the centuries-old tradition of street painting during Downtown Lake Worth's signature event. The festival is free and open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 561-582-4401 or log onto www.streetpaintingfestivalinc.org.

How to get there: Take Tri-Rail to the Lake Worth Station and board the free festival trolley. The free festival trolley will make continuous loops between Tri-Rail's Lake Worth Station and the festival area. Please note that the trolley loop takes approximately 40 minutes, roundtrip.

RENAISSANCE FAIR**February 11 - March 19, Quiet Waters Park**

This extravaganza spans six weekends and celebrates the revival of art and literature in Europe in the 14th-17th centuries. The revelry includes jousting matches, knights-in-armor, fair damsels-in-distress and a wide array of authentic food, clothing and reproduction art objects for purchase in the vast marketplace. Admission is \$20. A \$3

discount coupon off admission is available on Broward County Transit buses. Call 954-776-1642 for information.

How to get there: Take Tri-Rail to the Deerfield Beach Station. Transfer to BCT Route 92 westbound to Century Village. Take BCT Route 95 southbound to Quiet Waters Park.

**COCONUT GROVE ARTS FESTIVAL****February 18 - 20, Downtown Coconut Grove**

Celebrating its 43rd year, the Coconut Grove Arts Festival attracts more than 150,000 people annually to view the works of more than 330 of the finest artists in the world. Admission is \$5. Three-day passes are available for \$12. Children 12 and under and Miami-Dade Transit Golden Patriot Passport Members are free.

How to get there: Take Tri-Rail to the Metrorail Transfer Station. Transfer to Metrorail going southbound to the Douglas Road Station. Take the special Miami-Dade Transit Shuttle to the festival for \$1.

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The latest news from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach counties.

BOCA RATON COMMUNITY GATHERS TO DEDICATE NEW TRI-RAIL STATION

Despite dipping temperatures, blustery winds and a slight mist in the air, the mood was nothing but celebratory as elected officials and community leaders gathered to dedicate Tri-Rail's new Boca Raton Station. The dedication marked a major milestone toward the completion of the Double Track Corridor Improvement Program, Segment 5 Project.

The ceremony began with a moving presentation of the colors by the Boca Raton Police Honor Guard and a stirring rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by a brass quintet representing Boca Raton's newly established professional orchestra, the Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia.

In his welcoming remarks, Boca Raton Mayor Steven Abrams praised the station as a catalyst that is, "going to be a great amenity to enhance the city's ability to attract businesses to the community, and the workforce necessary to work at these businesses."

The elected officials of Boca Raton have been widely praised for the creation of programs based on the use of public transportation to curtail the ever-growing traffic congestion in Boca Raton, both downtown and in the western reaches. Palm Beach County Commissioner Jeff Koons, chair of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors, singled out Councilwoman Susan Haynie, chair of the SFRTA Citizens Advisory Committee, for her leadership role in Boca Raton's transportation planning efforts.

Former Boca Raton Mayor, and SFRTA

Board Member, Bill Smith has dubbed the new transportation hub as "the brain station" due to its proximity to Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University, Palm Beach Community College, Boca Raton Community Hospital, research parks and high-tech business centers.

In his closing comments, Commissioner Koons spoke of the day when Tri-Rail will just be one component of a comprehensive



ABOVE: Mayor Steven Abrams and SFRTA Executive Director Joseph Giulietti with a model train presented to Mayor Abrams and the City of Boca Raton for their continued support of public transportation.

LEFT: Representative Anne Gannon; Michael D. Masanoff; Marie Horenburger; Bill T. Smith, Jr.; Commissioner Jeff Koons; Mayor Steven Abrams; Councilwoman Susan Haynie and Councilman Peter Baranoff

to provide fluid connectivity for passengers through various modes of transportation.

Phase 2, which is now in development, will include 50,000 square feet of office space and 20,000 square feet of space devoted to passenger amenities such as newsstands, dry cleaners, coffee shops and fast food establishments.

The new station is located at 680 Yamato Road. To access the station, take I-95 to Yamato Road, exit #48B. Go west on Yamato

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Road to the first traffic light (Technology Way). Make a left turn on Technology Way and go south to the first stop sign. Turn left into the station. There is ample free parking provided.

LA COMUNIDAD DE BOCA RATÓN SE REÚNE PARA DEDICAR LA NUEVA ESTACIÓN DE TRI-RAIL

A pesar de las heladas temperaturas, los fuertes vientos y una ligera lluvia en el aire, el ánimo era de mucha celebración mientras que los oficiales electos de la comunidad se reunían para dedicar la nueva Estación de Tri-Rail de Boca Ratón. La dedicatoria fue un acontecimiento importante en la terminación del Segmento 5 del Proyecto de Programa de Mejoras del Corredor de Doble Vía.

La ceremonia se inició con una conmovedora presentación de los colores por la Guardia de Honor de la Policía de Boca Ratón y una emocionante ejecución del Star-Spangled Banner por un quinteto de instrumentos metálicos representando a la recién establecida orquesta profesional de Boca Ratón, la Sinfonía Filarmónica de Boca Ratón.

En sus palabras de bienvenida, el Alcalde de Boca Ratón Steven Abrams alabó la estación como el catalizador que "va a convertirse en una gran amenidad para mejorar la habilidad de la Ciudad para atraer negocios a la comunidad y la fuerza laboral necesaria para trabajar en estos negocios".

Los oficiales electos de Boca Ratón han sido ampliamente alabados por la creación de programas basados en el uso del transporte público para reducir la siempre creciente congestión de tráfico en Boca Ratón, tanto en el centro de la ciudad como en las playas del sector oeste. El Comisionado del Condado de Palm Beach Jeff Koons, quien encabeza la Junta Directiva de la Autoridad Regional de Transporte del Sur de la Florida mencionó a la Concejal Susan Haynie, directora del Comité Asesor a los Ciudadanos de SFRTA, por su papel de liderazgo en los esfuerzos de planificación del transporte en Boca Ratón.

El antiguo Alcalde de Boca Ratón y Miembro de la Junta Directiva de SFRTA, Bill Smith ha apodado el nuevo centro de transporte como "la estación con cerebro" debido a su proximidad a la Universidad Florida Atlantic, la Universidad Lynn, el Colegio Comunitario Palm Beach, el Hospital Comunitario de Boca Ratón, parques de investigaciones y centros de negocios de alta tecnología.

En sus comentarios finales, el Comisionado Koons habló del día en que el Tri-Rail será solo uno de los componentes de una impresionante red de transporte que incluirá tránsito rápido



The Boca Raton Police Honor Guard launch the Boca Raton Station dedication event.

de autobuses, conexiones de ferrocarriles ligeros en Glades Road hacia el aeropuerto y los puertos marítimos, así como extensiones hacia el norte y sur del servicio de transporte ferroviario.

La Estación de Boca Ratón fue la primera nueva estación construida desde la Estación en el Aeropuerto de Miami en 1999. La dedicación marcó la terminación de la Fase 1 del proyecto de la Estación de Boca Ratón, el cual además de la estación, incluye la construcción de una instalación intermodal en la cual los trenes, autobuses, busitos y taxis trabajan en conjunto para brindar conectividad fluida para los pasajeros a través de varios medios de transporte.

Ansyen Mè Boca Raton, ki se yon manm Konsèy Administrasyon SFRTA, Bill Smith, te rele nouvo mwayen transpò-a "tren sèvo-a" poutèt li tou pre Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University, Palm Beach Community College, Boca Raton Community Hospital, pak rechèch ak sant komèsyal wot teknoloji.

Nan kòmantè li te fè nan konklyzon-li, Komisyònè Koons te pale de jou Tri-Rail pwal fè pati yon rezo transpò total kapital k'ap enkli bis tranzit rapid, ray Glades Road yo ki etabli koneksyon avèk ayewopò ak pò lanmè-yo, menm jan tou avèk estansyon nan nò ak nan sid sèvis sou ray la.

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Nouvo estasyon-an nan 680 Yamato Road. Pou al nan estasyon-an, pran I-95 rive Yamato Road, egzit #48B. Al direksyon lwès sou Yamato Road rive sou premye limyè-a (Technology Way). Vire agòch sou Technology Way epi al nan direksyon sid jiskaske ou rive nan premye estòp-la. Vire agòch pou antre nan estasyon-an. Plen pakinn gratis.

KOMINOTE BOCA RATON NAN RANKONTRE POU DEDIKASE NOUVO ESTASYON TRI-RAIL LA

enpòtan pou akonplisman Pwogram "Double Track Corridor Improvement" Pwojè "Segment 5" la.

Seremoni-a te kòmanse ak yon prezantasyon koulè ki te mete dlo nan je; se Boca Raton Police Honor Guard ki te fè prezantasyon sa-a. Apre sa, yon fanfa ki te reprezante nouvo ökès pwofesyonèl Boca Raton-nan (Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia) te fè yon entèpretasyon estwòdinè Star-Spangled Banner.

Nan mo byenveni-li, Mè Boca Raton-nan, Steven Abrams, te pale de estasyon-an tankou yon katalis ki pwal "yon komodite k'ap pèmèt Vil-la mennen plis biznis nan kominote-a, ak mendèv y'ap bezwen pou travay nan biznis sa-yo."

Yo te fè fonksyonè eli Boca Raton yo bon jan konpliman poutèt yo kreye pwogram ki baze sou utilizasyon traspò pubblik pou diminye anboutejay ki genyen tout kote Boca Raton, kesesa anba lavil oswa nan lwès-la. Komisyònè Konte Palm Beach la, Jeff Koons, prezidan Konsèy Administrasyon Otorite Transpòtasyon Rejyonal Sid Laflorid la, te fè konpliman espesyal bay youn nan manm Konsèy-la, Susan Haynie, prezidan Komite Konsilitatif Sitwayen SFRTA, pou wòl li te jwe kòm lidè nan efò pou planifikasyon nan Boca Raton.

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NEW EQUIPMENT BEGINS TO ARRIVE

The double-deck Diesel Multiple Unit and coach, purchased by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority for the Florida Department of Transportation, have departed the manufacturing plant in Fort Lupton, Colorado and are expected to arrive in Florida this month. Upon arrival, the equipment will need to successfully complete testing on the South Florida Rail Corridor before beginning revenue service.

Additionally, the first two, out of six, remanufactured locomotives are expected to arrive in Florida from the manufacturing plant in Kansas City, Missouri in April. These cars and locomotives are necessary to support additional trains that will begin operating this spring.



BCT ENHANCEMENTS PROMOTE TRI-RAIL CONNECTIVITY

B roward County Transit is making several enhancements to bus service that will provide better and more frequent connectivity to Tri-Rail. The changes took effect on Sunday, January 15, 2006. Below is a list of some of the routes affected. Several new departures have been added, and many schedule times have been adjusted. Passengers are encouraged to refer to the new timetables or the BCT Service Improvements Brochure for additional information. Details are also available from BCT Customer Service at 954-357-8400, or online at www.broward.org/bct.



- ROUTE 6** (County Line Road & Dixie Highway – Young Circle – Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport – Tri-Rail Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Station at Dania Beach – BCT Broward Central Terminal)

- ROUTE 18** (Sample Road, Margate – 441 & Coconut Creek Parkway – Lauderhill Mall – Washington Street & 441 – Tri-Rail Golden Glades Station/Park & Ride)

- ROUTE 22** (Sawgrass Mills Mall, Green Toad Entrance – Broward Boulevard & Flamingo Road – BCT West Regional Terminal – Broward Mall – Broward Boulevard & 441 – Tri-Rail Fort Lauderdale Station – BCT Broward Central Terminal)

- ROUTE 34** (Coral Springs Corporate Park – Tradewinds Park – Festival Flea Market Mall – Tri-Rail Pompano Beach Station – Federal Highway)

"OUT WITH THE OLD" TO BENEFIT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Historically, January is a time when it's out with the old and in with the new. This year, if the old includes used ink jet, laser printer and/or fax cartridges, as well as cellular phones — you are in luck. The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority is teaming up with Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida to help benefit local children and the environment with the "Recycle with Ronald" fundraiser, and you can help!

Throughout the month of February, while recycling supplies last, SFRTA/Tri-Rail Ticket Agents and Station Ambassadors will have envelopes for our passengers to use if they wish to participate in "Recycle with Ronald." RMHC of South Florida benefits from all of the cartridges or phones that are mailed back in the postage-paid, pre-addressed envelopes provided.

The efforts of passengers will not only help many local children, but will also help save the environment. There are more than 400 million cartridges thrown away each year and abandoned cartridges can take more than 1,000 years to break down in area dump sites.

RMHC of South Florida is a not-for-profit foundation that is dedicated to helping local children live happier, healthier and more productive lives by supporting healthcare and medical research programs, education and the arts, as well as civic and social programs. If your company would like to participate in the "Recycle with Ronald" fundraiser, just as SFRTA's employees have been doing in their area offices for the past six months, please contact RMHC's Executive Director Cyndy Little at 561-882-1197.



Recycle with Ronald!
Recycle your ink jet cartridges and used cell phones!
By recycling your ink jet cartridges and used cell phones, you are helping to raise money for your local Ronald McDonald House, an organization that has contributed over 25 years of caring and support for families and children.

